

1 **ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE**

2 A lawn or patio umbrella with an integral lighting system that utilizes cold cathode
3 ray tubes, light emitting diodes (LED's), or florescent lights, to provide relatively bright
4 outdoor light for reading and other activities that require relatively high light intensities is
5 provided. In one embodiment, a modular, electrically powered lawn or patio umbrella in
6 which lighting systems, such as those utilizing cold cathode tubes, LED's, or florescent
7 lights; cooling systems, such as those utilizing electric fans or misting systems; and
8 motorized retraction systems; can be selectively interchanged is provided.